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WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1907.

Diligence is the mother of good
 luck.—Franklin.

THE WEST VIRGINIA DEBT.

The action of the United States Su-
 preme Court in overruling the techni-
 cal demurrer of West Virginia, in the
 suit which Virginia has instituted
 against her, will at least give opportu-
 nity to let this vexatious contest be
 heard on its merits. Better than that,
 Chief Justice Fuller clearly indicates
 in his opinion not only that it is a
 proper suit to be brought, but that
 the Legislature of West Virginia had
 been guilty of gross neglect in not
 carrying out the contract under which
 she became a State.

"It is insisted," says the Chief Jus-
 tice, "that this court cannot proceed to
 judgment because of an alleged con-
 tract entered into between Virginia
 and West Virginia, with the consent
 of Congress, by which the question of
 the liability of Virginia to West Vir-
 ginia was submitted to the arbitration
 of the public debt of the Commonwealth
 of Virginia prior to the 1st day of Janu-
 ary, 1861, shall be assumed by this
 State, and the Legislature shall ac-
 cede to the same as soon as may be
 practicable and provide for the liquida-
 tion of the same by a sinking fund, and re-
 deem the principal within thirty-four
 years."

"Reading the Virginia ordinance and
 the West Virginia constitutional pro-
 vision, it followed that what was meant
 by the expression that the Legislature
 shall ascertain was that the Legisla-
 ture should ascertain as soon as prac-
 ticable the result of the pursuit of the
 method prescribed and provide for the
 liquidation of the amount so ascertained.
 And it may be well inquired why
 in the forty-three years, which have
 elapsed since the alleged compact was
 entered into, West Virginia has never
 indicated that she stood upon such a
 compact, and if so, why not step has
 ever been taken by West Virginia to
 enter upon the performance of the duty
 which such compact imposed and to
 notify Virginia that she was ready and
 willing to discharge such duty."

Virginia repeatedly endeavored to
 induce the Legislature of West Vir-
 ginia to take action, but all her ef-
 forts availed nothing, and under her
 agreement with the holders of West
 Virginia certificates, it became her duty
 to appeal to the court. It was an un-
 pleasant duty, but none the less an ob-
 ligation which she could not shrink.
 Besides, it is a matter of serious inter-
 est to her to have the case finally deter-
 mined by the Supreme Court. Under
 her agreement the certificate-holders
 bind themselves to accept as a final-
 ity, so far as Virginia is concerned, any
 sum which the court may ascertain to
 be West Virginia's equitable prop-
 erty of the debt, and to release Vir-
 ginia from further liability.

"When this court has ascertained
 and adjudged the proportion of the
 debt of the original State which it
 would be equitable for West Virginia
 to pay," says Justice Fuller, "it is not
 to be presumed on demurrer that West
 Virginia would refuse to carry out the
 decree of this court. If such repudia-
 tion should be absolutely asserted we
 will then consider by what means the
 decree may be enforced."

This implies that the court will as-
 certain and adjudge West Virginia's
 proportion of the original debt, and if
 so, the case will be ended, so far as
 Virginia is concerned, no matter what
 action West Virginia may then take.

It had been far better for West Vir-
 ginia had she assumed her part of
 the debt from the start. It would be
 in her interest even now to settle the
 matter out of court and call the suit
 off.

A STRONG COMBINATION.

Senator Daniel has given to the New
 York World an elaboration of his views
 lately published in the Richmond pa-
 pers on the Democratic situation. He
 says that he has expressed himself
 freely, because the crisis demands plain
 speech; "and if such radical issues are
 pressed forward they will surely lead
 to Democratic disorganization, and it
 is might be to disaster."

Senator Daniel is no alarmist, and
 when he employs such strong terms,
 it is well for party leaders to take notice.

Proceeding, he says that it is only by
 clear conception and well-balanced
 judgment that the Democratic party
 can put itself in form for victory; if it
 becomes too radical, it will lose instanta-
 neously those great factors of business
 which have all along supported it, on

the other hand, if it become too con-
 servative, it will chill and eliminate
 the intelligent and progressive men of
 all classes and sections who are in dead
 earnest for wholesome reforms with
 respect to trusts, transportation and
 tariff.

"Hence," he adds, "if we do not bal-
 ance ourselves, with the feet firm on
 fundamental principles, and move for-
 ward with the massive tread of men,
 resolute and sincere to maintain popu-
 lar rights, with due regard to all in-
 terests and all sections, we will surely
 move to our ruin. Fire-eaters and
 speculative philosophers cannot lead us
 in unison."

"We must follow the example and
 counsel of Washington with respect to
 our conduct, and, like him, 'raise a
 standard to which the wise and pru-
 dent can repair.' He was the most
 successful man of his age, if not of all
 ages, and did more permanent good for
 his country than any of the more im-
 portant and more brilliant statesmen
 of his time. The country has consti-
 tantly grown toward him, and if we
 can employ his wisdom and prudence
 of conduct in the application of these
 fixed principles of Jefferson which the
 country has many times accepted, we
 will realize our best hope and deserve
 the public approbation."

That is a fine call to fundamentals
 and to action. The Democratic party is
 an aggressive party; but its aim is to
 build up and not destroy. The wise
 and prudent may always repair to its
 standard, if the party be true to itself;
 and when the wise and prudent are
 afraid to enlist under any standard
 which the party may have raised, we
 may be sure that the standard is not
 Democratic. The wisdom and prudence
 of Washington applied to the principles
 of Jefferson will make a platform upon
 which every true Democrat may com-
 fortably and confidently stand.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

That the subject of compulsory edu-
 cation will command the attention of
 the Legislature at its next session
 there can be no doubt. There is al-
 ready a strong sentiment in Virginia
 in favor of it, and it is growing, and
 we gather from the expression of news-
 papers here and there, and from re-
 ports which reach the Department of
 Public Instruction. In some sections
 the sentiment is overwhelming, and
 we hear of counties that would adopt
 the rule at once if they were permitted
 to do so.

That suggestion recalls the recom-
 mendation of Governor Montague,
 which was advocated by The Times-
 Dispatch at the time—that a local op-
 tion law be enacted; that is to say,
 a general law allowing each county
 and city to adopt compulsory attend-
 ance at will.

This plan, we understand, is heartily
 approved by Superintendent Bessie
 and if he recommends it, so great is
 the confidence of the public in his judg-
 ment and integrity, there is little doubt
 of the introduction and passage of such
 a bill. Why not? If any county or
 city in the State desires to compel
 all children within certain age limits
 to attend school, why should the op-
 tion be denied them by the State? It
 would entail no additional cost upon
 the tax-payers at large. Local option
 is good Democracy, and that is the
 way to introduce the system of com-
 pulsory attendance.

PUT YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE.
 The World's Work in its Southern
 edition pays its respects to Southern
 newspapers, and says that the person-
 ality of the editors counts for more than
 corresponding editors in the Northern
 States. "But they all have this pecu-
 liarity," adds our contemporary, "if
 you ride from Washington to Houston,
 Tex., around the seaboard, and buy a
 copy of every daily paper published
 along the route, you will read many
 editorials about the race problem, all
 saying the same thing. From Hous-
 ton, Tex., further West, you will miss
 that topic till you come back again
 into Louisiana or Arkansas. Then all
 the way back to Washington you will
 read the same editorials."

As we have remarked on a former
 occasion, this subject is distasteful
 to Southern newspapers, and most of
 them would avoid it if they could. But
 it forces itself upon them, because
 there is a great mass of negroes in
 every Southern community to deal
 with. It would be so also in the North
 if the Northern newspapers had to deal
 with a similar condition.

Take Philadelphia, for example. We
 venture that the papers of that city
 in their editorials and communications
 discuss the negro question quite as
 much as the newspapers of any South-
 ern city, and much in the same way.

YER KON! OYER KON?

Our Norfolk correspondent relates
 the following:
 "For attempting to press a kiss upon
 the lips of Mrs. Nellie Theodore in
 one of Main Street's electric theatres,
 Peter Verkontakis, a Greek, to-day was
 bound by Police Justice Simmons, found
 guilty, fined \$50 and costs, and sen-
 tenced to serve thirty days in the city
 jail. He noted an appeal to the Cor-
 poration Court."

We hope the Corporation Court will
 thoroughly investigate, for the case is
 perplexing. There may be two sides to
 it. When Greek met Greek with Hobb-
 sonian overtures, the fair Helen may
 have drawn herself up disdainfully
 and exclaimed, stage fashion: "Yer-
 kontakis!" which would have signi-
 fied, stage fashion, "How dare you?"

In that event Verkontakis is guilty and
 should be punished. But suppose she
 puckered her lips and coquettishly said
 in soft Grecian measures, "Yer-kon-
 tak-kis!" Would not the ardent Petros
 have been justified? and would any
 American jury convict him?

MR. CHADWICK DENIES.

According to a Boston correspondent
 George W. Chadwick, director of the
 New England Conservatory of Music,
 and a representative American musi-
 cian, declares that the report widely
 circulated in the daily press, indicating
 that poor students are not wanted at
 the famous Boston institution, is a
 misrepresentation of the statement he

made to the directors of the conserva-
 tory. Mr. Chadwick explains his position
 in the following letter:

"I must earnestly protest against
 such an utter misrepresentation of my
 words. Not only did I say nothing of
 the kind, but what I did say was the
 exact opposite of the misquoting. My
 exact language was this: 'In my
 opinion it is morally dishonest to take
 money from students who have no ear,
 no talent and no musical intelligence.'
 "Only repeat that music teachers
 have not the same standard."
 "This conservatory has for years as-
 sisted its students, not only with tu-
 tion, but in some cases with food and
 clothing, and it welcomes all students
 of a truly without regard to sex, color
 or condition. Any young composer,
 pianist, organist, violinist, or singer
 who shows evidence of such promise
 that he is likely to become an artist
 may receive at this conservatory his
 entire musical education without pay-
 ing one cent."
 (Signed) "G. W. CHADWICK."

The Times-Dispatch is pleased to
 note the correction.

Even President Roosevelt himself
 would not be an eligible juror in the
 trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone,
 and it is hardly reasonable to expect
 that the average citizen of Idaho will
 be eligible, no matter how respectable.
 It must be a tough case, indeed, when
 even the President of the United States
 is not qualified to sit on it as a juror.
 Little cause for wonder that it seems
 to be impossible to get a jury for the
 trial of these men even in their own
 vicinage.—Petersburg Index-Appal.

And it forming an opinion disqualify
 a man, the sitting judge is doubtless
 disqualified also. The system is an ab-
 surdity and ought to be abolished.

Now it is asserted that a submarine
 has been perfected which can stay
 under water for twenty-four hours. We
 should like very much to see this, as
 proved by Mr. and Mrs. William E.
 Corey.

The Houston Post asserts that Texas
 produces 124,500,000 melons per year.
 This just about puts Texas in the class
 with Hanover county, Va. except that
 the Hanover melons are, of course, far
 sweeter, juicier and more succulent.

The sacred Japanese deer at Maru,
 Miyajima, and other places, have be-
 come so tame that they will eat from
 the hands of visitors. The Japanese
 deer must unfailingly remind the tour-
 ist of the American husband.

A consignment of apples has just
 reached New York from Australia.
 Australian apples could be a good only
 in benighted quarters of the globe not
 familiar with the Albemarle pipkin.

Two men tried to force their way
 into Kuraki's private car at Niagara
 Falls Sunday night. Whether the in-
 trustful pair were Mayor Schmitts and
 Richmond P. Hobson is not stated.

Norfolk abandoned her idea of Sun-
 day baseball. Doubtless she realized
 that she could lose quite enough games
 in six days a week.

It turns out that that Armenian
 priest was slain for his money. Happily
 that is a fate from which news-
 paper editors are forever immune.

Michigan had a blizzard on Monday.
 It was a fierce blizzard in its way, but
 nothing compared to some of those ex-
 perimented by the Fairbanks boom.

We assume that when Oliver Won-
 derbolton wrote "Do you eat at the
 Breakfast Table," poets had them.

Appropriate presents for Junebrides
 this year include December wheat at
 \$1.05 1/2.

Fortunately, however, frost has no
 particularly bad effect upon straw hats
 of quality.

General Kuraki's statement that he
 "prefers brunettes" has so far had no
 visible effect on the sales of peroxide.

Also, if chewing tobacco really makes
 men think, it naturally follows that
 Donl Castellane smokes cigarettes.

Winter appears to think that he has
 a permanent lease on the lap of spring.

Still it is always possible to put them
 back on again.

We hereby tender Richmond to the
 old soldier boys to do with as they list.

There's still some bunting at the
 baseball park, Colonel Gordon.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Point Barrow, Alaska, is Uncle Sam's
 farthest post north. A letter from San-
 Francisco to Point Barrow was by rail
 to Seattle, 2,600 miles; then by ocean steam-
 er to Valdez, 1,600 miles farther north and
 west; then by dog sleds, over ice and snow,
 2,700 miles more to the north and west. The
 letter travels in one direction 4,900 miles,
 all the distance in American territory.

An American bank is needed in Canada,
 founded on principles similar to the Orient
 Bank of Berlin, which gives information
 concerning the credits, standing of firms, and
 furnishes information regarding the various
 kinds of bonds adaptable for these markets.
 An American enterprise of this kind might
 bring about an increase of trade throughout
 all Canada.—Consular Reports.

An anti-union strike in the Malay
 States is meeting with great success.
 The plant said to possess the properties of cur-
 ing the most obstinate rheumatism and other
 ailments, and this is being distributed
 wholesale.

The Galway county authorities have
 appointed Miss Alice Perry, who holds the
 degree of bachelor of engineering, interim
 county surveyor in the room of her father,
 the late James Perry. The appointment is
 to be permanent.—London Standard.

As a memorial to her late husband, James
 A. Bailey, the actress Mrs. Ruth L.
 Bailey has contributed \$100,000 for a me-
 morial hospital at Mount Vernon, N. Y.
 She will also endow the hospital.

A. R. Hutton, of the University of Chic-
 go, has been elected to the chair of political
 science in the Western Reserve University.
 The chair was formerly held by Professor
 Seligman, and this is being distributed
 wholesale.

On Saturday of this week, a large
 bronze equestrian statue of General John
 B. Gordon, soldier, statesman and orator,
 will be unveiled at Atlanta, Ga. The monu-
 ment, which cost \$25,000, was raised by
 private subscription among friends and
 a grant by the Georgia Legis-
 lature.

What's in a Name?
 They are thinking of naming one of the
 new battleships "Utah." We presume it will
 always be accompanied by a plurality of
 comorbs.—Mineral Spring.

Cluett
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 FIT, LONG WEAR, WHITE
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Rhymes for To-Day

THE POET.

HE SUNG simple song of such
 beauty and art,
 In language so graceful and
 rare.

It filtered in thought through the
 roughest heart.

And blossomed a fair flower there—
 But no one would have the sweet
 things that he wrote,
 And he lived only heaven knows
 how—

For the editors said: "Oh, it's splendid,
 but note:
 His thought wouldn't puzzle a cow!"

He sung of the glory of life, and its
 pain,
 The beauty of goodness in peace,
 The joy of the earth and the sun and
 the rain.

And death, a glad life's glad release,
 The common emotions that every one
 feels

He sung in his wonderful way—
 But the editors said: "They're beautiful
 spiels

But—his meaning is plain as the
 day!"

Well, poets must live—so he dropped
 his old themes
 For topics recanted and grand,
 For things like an opium-taker's bad
 dreams

Which none could, in years, under-
 stand:
 For whatever dim meaning he had, in
 a rich

Array of queer phrases was hid—
 And the editors hollered: "We'll make
 this man rich!"

And I see by the papers they dip,
 That he's a poet—
 H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

Close Figuring at the Boarding-House.
 The boarding-house keeper said to the
 servant preparing the dinner: "Mary, will
 the strawberries be round?"

"Hardly, mum," replied the servant,
 "There's one strawberry short,"—Judge.

Rivalry.
 "We now have a submarine called the
 Octopus."

"Do the English know it?"
 "I presume they do," said the
 "Then look out for the 'Ida M. Tarbell.'"
 —Louisville Courier-Journal.

Natural Mislike.
 Mrs. Black: "Jane, has Mr. Black come
 home yet?" I thought I heard him just
 now."

Jane: "No, mum. That was the dog
 growling."—Comic Cuts.

He Was Willing.
 Mrs. Subbuss: "Oh, John, I'm sorry the
 new cook has quit. Her coffee, but she's
 so young and inexperienced. So you must
 be satisfied with a kiss instead this even-
 ing."

John: "Right, oh! call her in"—Pick-
 Me-Up.

The Verdict.
 "Have you tried the cigars I got for you?"
 "Yes; and found them just right."—Liverpool
 Post.

The Burning Question.
 Sutor: "I have come to ask for your
 daughter's hand in marriage. It is said
 Mr. Motorman: "No? Well, sir, can you
 support her in the style of cars to which she
 is accustomed?"—Brooklyn Life.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.
 [T] is said 114 Baptist sisters were
 present at the general convention of the
 Baptist churches of the South, which was
 extinguished a whole lot of fire.—Houston
 Post.

The Houston Post tells of a carload
 of Texas hens that laid enough eggs en route
 to Chicago to pay the freight on the ship-
 ment. It was shipped out of Texas.—Washing-
 ton Herald.

Don't keep too busy making money to af-
 ford pleasure that you have no time to de-
 vote to pleasure.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Secretary Root says "Doubtless there have
 been abuses in connection with campaign
 fund contributions. Such as 'deliberate and
 malicious liar'—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Among other objections to Speaker Can-
 non, he was held clear at an auction, that
 ought to be prohibited anywhere except in
 a poker game.—Kansas City Star.

Japan has gone and corrected the cam-
 paign market right here when we are in
 the midst of packing away the winter
 clothes.—Baltimore Sun.

COMMENTS OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.
 Sunday Observer.

As a loyal friend of the local organization,
 the News undertakes to say that the ap-
 pearance of a ball club wearing the Lynchburg
 Sunday News emblem in the State for
 Sunday games will prove the source of keen
 disappointment and disapproval on the part
 of thousands of its friends and patrons in
 this city, and produce a distinctly chilling
 effect upon the spirit of baseball enthusiasm
 which now so widely obtains among our
 people.—Lynchburg News.

Eastern Shore Progress.
 The directors of the Accomac Traction
 and Power Company held an important
 meeting this week, and have accepted the
 offer of a Philadelphia Trust Company to
 finance the road from Onancock to Battle
 Point for \$100,000, provided \$50,000 in stock
 subscription is placed in 15 days by the
 local subscribers.—Accomac News.

The Defect in the Primary.
 The primary idea is genuine Democratic
 doctrine, and receives the commendation of
 a vast majority of the people, but the law
 should at once be amended and the State
 made to bear the expense.—Clarke Courier.

The Jug Business.
 Because the Southern Express Company
 and the eastern police of Britain would not
 respect the anti-jug ordinance, recently en-
 acted by the City Council of Elizabethton,
 because of doubt as to its legality, the
 City of London has decided to issue a
 repeated, the council at its meeting last
 Tuesday night having by unanimous vote
 decided upon that course. The disposition is
 to wait until more light can be had on the
 subject, rather than involve the town in a
 lengthy and expensive lawsuit, with the re-
 sult in doubt.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

What's in a Name?
 They are thinking of naming one of the
 new battleships "Utah." We presume it will
 always be accompanied by a plurality of
 comorbs.—Mineral Spring.

KING'S DAUGHTERS
HAVE FINE MEETING

Mrs. John Moncure Elected
 President at Eleventh An-
 nual Session.

The eleventh annual meeting of the
 Virginia Assembly, Daughters of the
 King, was held yesterday at Monu-
 mental Episcopal Church. About sev-
 enty-five members were present and all
 the Richmond Chapters were well
 represented. It was the most enthu-
 siastic and satisfactory meeting held
 in years.

The "Quiet Hour" began at 10 A. M.
 with devotional services by Dr. John
 Moncure, who preached from the text:
 "He went about doing good." Holy
 communion was then administered.

The business session began at 11 A.
 M. with Mrs. John Moncure, president
 of the Virginia Assembly, in the chair.
 The minutes of the last annual meet-
 ing, held at Alexandria, were follow-
 ed by a verbal report from Mrs. C. R.
 Kuyk, who was appointed a few weeks
 ago to fill the office made vacant by
 the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Yarbrough,
 secretary and treasurer of the organiza-
 tion.

The president then made a short ad-
 dress, speaking words of encourage-
 ment and pleasure at the large at-
 tendance. Her accompanying remarks
 on the death of the secretary were
 deeply felt by the chapter.

A rising vote of thanks was given
 Dr. Moncure for his sermon.

Chapter reports were then read from
 all the Episcopal churches of Rich-
 mond, St. Paul's and Grace Churches
 of Alexandria; Immanuel, at Woodstock;
 Epiphany, at Barton Heights, and St.
 John's, at Columbia, Va.

The next business was the election of
 officers. Mrs. John Moncure was unani-
 mously re-elected president. Miss Mary
 Fulton was also re-elected vice-presi-
 dent. The only new officer chosen was
 the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. R.
 Kuyk, widow of the Rev. C. R. Kuyk,
 of this city, and a member of Epiphany
 Chapter.

Mrs. Kuyk was nominated by Miss
 Leila Dimmock, and was elected by a
 rising vote.

All Saints' Church was selected as the
 place of meeting next May.

At 10:30 P. M.